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1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI DISCUSSED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST
AND ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS IN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO AL-AYAM DEC 27.
STATEMENT WAS LATER DISSEMINATED TO ALL MEDIA. ON MIDDLE EAST
NIMEIRI REAFFIRMED SUDAN'S SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S PEACE MOVES AND
EXPRESSED DISMAY TOWARD OTHER FRONT-LINE COUNTRIES THAT ARE
REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN EGYPTIAN POLICY. NIMEIRI SAID
ATTITUDE OF PLO WAS STRANGE IN THAT PLO AGREES WITH GENEVA

CONFERENCE BUT REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THAT CONFERENCE.

2. CONCERNING SUDANESE RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA, NIMEIRI SAID SUDAN POLICY IS BASED ON TWO MAIN POINTS, FIRST, TO RESOLVE ERITREAN QUESTION PEACEFULLY AND SECONDLY TO OPPOSE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. HE INDICATED OPTIMISM ABOUT SUDANESE-ETHIOPIAN RAPPROCHEMENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMENT: NIMEIRI REMAINS HEARTY SUPPORTER OF SADAT ALTHOUGH PROMISED VISIT OF SADAT TO SUDAN HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF RUSH OF EVENTS. SUDAN'S POLICY TOWARD PLO HAS BEEN COLDLY CORRECT: NO ADMIRATION WASTED. ON ETHIOPIA, NIMEIRI'S REMARKS COME ALMOST YEAR TO DAY AFTER SPEECH AT GEDAREF NEAR ETHIOPIAN BORDER IN WHICH HE FIRST PUBLICLY SIGNALLED STRONG ANTI-ETHIOPIAN STANCE. IN AFTERMATH FREETOWN MEETING SUDANGOV, LED BY NIMEIRI, MOVING IN MORE PEACEFUL DIRECTION. BERGUS

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